

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regular scheduled meeting on July 1, 2004 at the Aviators Landing. This was the 191st scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.
2. Members present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)
PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch , Co-Ch	CSM Charles E Frye, Co-Ch
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM William Jolley
COL Bob Bunting	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL James E Hyers	SGM Terry Wilkins
COL Charles A Block (USMC)	ISG Jackie D. Ray
LTC James R. Mellish	SFC Joe Barnes
CDR James E. Cobb	SFC Ralph Reed
	SSG Fred Spiker

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson Unexcused	CSM Andrew Rivers Unexcused
Ms. Erika Johnson	SMSGT Jean Woodruff (USAF)

ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. Wendell Noyes, Deputy Garrison Commander
Ms. Barbara Hardbarger, TRICARE
Mr K. R Carver, AG
Mr. Will Newman, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DCFA

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by CSM Frye who welcomed back Mr. Noyes, Deputy Garrison Commander.
4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
5. Old Business – None
6. Committee Reports.
 - a. Public Affairs – No report.

b. Legislative Affairs – Colonel Hyer reported the House had passed the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Bill with a three year, six month phase-in with the Senate version having a 10 year phase-in period and is now before the conference committee. For those participants who join the program late there will be a penalty incurred.

c. Medical/Dental – No report

d. Volunteer Program/ Bowling – SFC Barnes reported the Volunteer-of-the-Month for the month of June was Sue Beckman and for July is Michelle Packard. A complaint was put forward concerning the temperature inside the bowling alley being below normal and it is currently being reviewed.

e. Quality of Life – Mr. Laster stated the next Prime Rib Night would be July 31st. The golf course White 9 will reopen July 2nd. The Blue 9 will close on July 11th for renovation. Mr. Laster reported the death of Ms. Lindsey's 20 year old son and expressed sympathy for Ms. Lindsey and her family. Freedom Fest is on Saturday, July 3rd at Howse Field.

f. PX – No report.

g. Golf Course - Colonel Heath reported the golf course has an Adopt-A-Green Program where units or even individuals can dress up a green.

h. Equestrian Center – Colonel Heath reported the Open Show on 5 June was not completed until 2 am. The next open show is scheduled for 14 August starting at 4 pm with one following on October 9th. On August 9th an adult Horse Camp is scheduled.

i. Outdoor Recreation – Mr. Laster reported there are two bass tracker boats and a Pontoon Boat for rent at Lake Tholocco. Mr. Laster reported there was no sign at the Veterans Park near the Daleville gate.

j. Commissary – No report

k. RAD – LTC Mellish reported the RAD on 22 – 23 October.

7. Advisors Comments – None

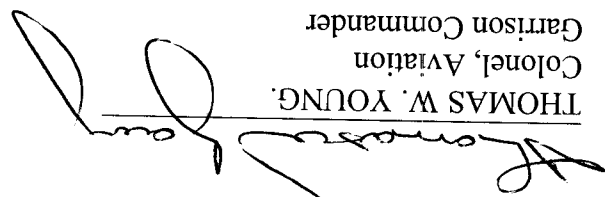
8. New Business - None

9. Co-Chairman's Comments – Colonel Crouch reported the Cooperative Hearing Aid Program was possibly being phased out. Out going Commander, Colonel Gillingham, stated this is not the case at Fort Rucker. A person can report to the USAAMC Audiology Clinic and have ear molds made and then a contract hearing aid company will install the microphone and receiver at a considerable savings.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1205 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators Landing Community Center on August 5, 2004 at 1130 AM.

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